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ARCHITECTURE FOR USE IN THE MANUFACTURE OF
ONE OR MORE PROTECTED METALLIZATION
STRUCTURES ON A WORKPIECE

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Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please add a new section directly before the "BACKGROUND OF THE
INVENTION" as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/076,565, filed on May 12, 1998, and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,376,374 B1.